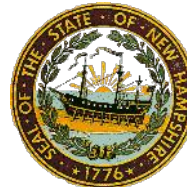




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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**DATE:** December 12, 2006  
**CONTACT:** John Raymond, Deputy State Fire Marshal  
Michael Stark, Investigator

**Accelerant Detection K-9 Molly Joins New Hampshire  
State Fire Marshal's Office**

Investigator Michael Stark and his new partner Molly have completed their training. Molly will be introduced as the newest member of the NH State Fire Marshal's Office at the NH Fire Academy on December 21, 2006. Molly is a certified Arson Detection K-9 who has been trained to sniff out accelerants used to start fires. Molly will showcase her abilities by doing a short demonstration at the event.

State Farm® has been a proud sponsor of the Arson Dog Program since 1993. Molly is one of 200 K-9's in the United States and Canada sponsored by State Farm and trained by Maine Specialty Dogs to assist local and state law enforcement officers to investigate the cause of fires. Investigator Stark and Molly will be part of two K-9 teams assigned to New Hampshire. The other team is Investigator John Southwell and K-9 Jade. K-9 Molly is replacing K-9 Clancy who has retired.

According to the National Fire Protection Association there were over 68,000 intentionally set fires in the US in 2003 causing over \$825 million dollars in damage and killing 305 civilians. Accelerant Detection K-9's played a key role in determining the cause of many of these fires.

**WHEN:** December 21, 2006 at 10:00 AM

**WHERE:** Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy – Classroom 2  
222 Sheep Davis Road (Route 106), Concord, NH 03301

Any further inquiries can be directed to State Fire Marshal's Office Investigator Michael Stark at (603) 271-3294 or Doug Nadeau of State Farm at (603) 641-4549.